



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized yearly due to unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging; and
- WHEREAS: Undesired consequences include service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death; and
- WHEREAS: Gopher State One Call promotes 811, the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, which provides professional excavators and homeowners a simple way to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and
- WHEREAS: Through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money and keep our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project; and
- WHEREAS: Waiting the required amount of time before digging, respecting the marked lines, and digging with care around marked lines is just as important as calling 811 before you dig; and
- WHEREAS: Gopher State One Call serves the citizens of Minnesota at no cost to taxpayers and spreads the message that safe digging is a shared responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2014, as:

## SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in the state of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR



  
SECRETARY OF STATE